

**IT IS THE VENDOR'S RESPONSIBILITY TO CHECK  
FOR ADDENDUMS PRIOR TO SUBMITTING PROPOSALS**

## **NOTICE TO BIDDERS SPECIFICATION NO. 06-020**

The City of Lincoln, Nebraska intends to purchase and invites you to submit a sealed bid for:

### **ANNUAL REQUIREMENTS FOR VIDEO DETECTION SYSTEMS**

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Lincoln, Nebraska on or before 12:00 noon Wednesday, January 18, 2006 in the office of the Purchasing Agent, Suite 200, K Street Complex, Southwest Wing, 440 South 8th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508. Bids will be publicly opened and read at the K Street Complex.

Bids may be downloaded from the City's website at [www.lincoln.ne.gov](http://www.lincoln.ne.gov) Keyword: Bid. Prospective submitters must monitor the bid listing for any addendums.

Bidders should take caution if U.S. mail or mail delivery services are used for the submission of bids. Mailing should be made in sufficient time for bids to arrive in the Purchasing Division, prior to the time and date specified above. Late bids will not be considered. Fax or e-mail bids are not acceptable. Bid response must be in a sealed envelope.

COMPANY NAME \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPOSAL  
SPECIFICATION NO. 06-020  
BID OPENING TIME: 12:00 NOON  
DATE: Wednesday, January 18, 2006**

The undersigned, having full knowledge of the requirements of the City of Lincoln for the below listed phases and the contract documents (which include Notice, Instructions, this Proposal, Specifications, Contract, and any and all addenda) and all other conditions of the Proposal, agrees to enter into a contract with the City the below listed fees for the performance of this Specification, complete in every respect, in strict accordance with the contract documents at and for fees listed below.

**ADDENDA RECEIPT:** The receipt of addenda to the specification numbers \_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_ are hereby acknowledged. Failure of any submitter to receive any addendum or interpretation of the specifications shall not relieve the submitter from any obligations specified in the request. All addenda shall become part of the final contract document.

## **BIDDING SCHEDULE**

<u>Item</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Est.</u> <u>Qty.</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>Total</u>
1.	1 VDC - 1 Camera System (B/W)	2	\$ _____	\$ _____
2.	2 VDC - 2 Camera System ( B/W)	30	\$ _____	\$ _____
3.	1 VDC - 1 Camera System (color)	1	\$ _____	\$ _____
4.	2 VDC - 2 Camera System (color)	2	\$ _____	\$ _____
5.	Remote communication module	5	\$ _____	\$ _____
6.	1 VDC less Camera	1	\$ _____	\$ _____
7.	2 VDC less Camera	1	\$ _____	\$ _____
8.	1 Camera (B/W)	10	\$ _____	\$ _____
9.	1 Camera (color)	1	\$ _____	\$ _____
10.	Detection output expansion module	1	\$ _____	\$ _____
11.	9" B/W monitor	20	\$ _____	\$ _____
12.	Keypad/mouse	20	\$ _____	\$ _____
13.	Camera adjuster	5	\$ _____	\$ _____

**NO BID SECURITY REQUIRED**

Special provisions for Commodity Term Contracts are included with the specification document. Bidders are urged to read the Special Provisions before completing the following sections of the Proposal.

Contract Extension Renewal is an option: Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
No \_\_\_\_\_

TERM PRICE CLAUSE: BIDDER MUST STATE

- (a) Bid prices firm through January 31, 2007: \_\_\_\_\_; or  
(b) Bid prices subject to escalation/de-escalation: \_\_\_\_\_.  
(c) If (b), state period for which prices will remain firm:  
Through \_\_\_\_\_.

**INTER-LOCAL PURCHASING:** The City/County desires to make available to other local government entities of the State of Nebraska, by mutual agreement with the successful bidder, and properly authorized inter-local purchasing agreements, the right to purchase the same services, at the prices quoted, for the period of this contract. Each bidder shall indicated on the Bid Form in the space provided below if he/she will honor Political Subdivision orders in accordance with the contract terms and conditions, in addition to orders from City of Lincoln/Lancaster County.

\_\_\_\_\_ **YES**    \_\_\_\_\_ **NO**

If "YES", Contract supplier or suppliers may honor pricing and extend the contract to political sub-divisions, cities and counties. Terms and conditions of the contract must be met by political sub-divisions, cities and counties. Under no circumstances shall the City of Lincoln/Lancaster County be contractually obligated or liable for any purchases by these political sub-divisions, cities or counties.

COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE responsible for the administration of this Agreement:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PROGRAM:** Successful bidder will be required to comply with the provisions of the City's Affirmative Action Policy (Contract Compliance, Sec. 1.16). The equal Opportunity Officer will determine compliance or non-compliance, upon a complete and substantial review of successful bidder's equal opportunity policies, procedures and practices.

The undersigned signatory for the bidder represents and warrants that he has full and complete authority to submit this proposal to the City, and to enter into a contract if this proposal is accepted.

**NOTE:**

**RETURN 2 COMPLETE COPIES OF PROPOSAL AND SUPPORTING MATERIAL.**

**MARK OUTSIDE OF BID ENVELOPE AS FOLLOWS:**

**SEALED BID FOR SPEC. 06-020**

\_\_\_\_\_  
COMPANY NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
BY (Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
STREET ADDRESS or P.O. BOX

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
CITY, STATE      ZIP CODE

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Title)

\_\_\_\_\_  
TELEPHONE

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
ESTIMATED DELIVERY DAYS (After  
receipt of individual orders)

Bids may be inspected in the Purchasing Division offices during normal business hours, **after** tabulation by the purchasing agent. If you desire a copy of the bid tabulation to be mailed to you, you must enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope with your bidding documents. Bid tabulations can also be viewed on our website at [lincoln.ne.gov](http://lincoln.ne.gov) Keyword: bid

## **VIDEO DETECTION SYSTEMS SPECIFICATIONS**

### **1. SCOPE**

- 1.1 The Video Detection Systems shall be the latest current model under standard production by the manufacturer and is to be of standard design, complete as regularly advertised and marketed and be of proven performance.
- 1.2 All electronic equipment shall operate reliably in the following ranges: -35 to +75 degrees centigrade, at 0 to 95% humidity, non-condensing.
- 1.3 The system shall be designed to operate reliable in adverse environment of roadside cabinets and shall meet or exceed all NEMA TS1 and TS2 as well as type 170/179 environmental specifications.
- 1.4 The system as referred to in these specifications shall mean:
  - 1.4.1 The system shall mean 2 VDC (one card, two inputs), 2 B/W cameras and cabling to connect equipment with the signal cabinet.
  - 1.4.2 The City may, at its option, elect to purchase 1 VDC (one card, one input), a B/W camera, and cabling to connect equipment within the signal cabinet as a system.
- 1.5 The City anticipates buying approximately 30 VDC units per year.

### **2. NON-COMPLIANCE STATEMENT**

- 2.1 Any and all exceptions to this specification must be written on or attached to the bid submitted.
  - 2.1 Non-compliance can void your bid.
- 2.2 The submission of a bid shall be considered an agreement to all the terms, specifications, and conditions provided herein.

### **3. DELIVERY**

- 3.1 Between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm daily, with the exception of Sunday, Saturday, and holidays.
- 3.2 Vendor must notify the Signal Shop a minimum of 48 hours prior to delivery on workday basis at (402) 441-7357.
- 3.3 Equipment shall be delivered to 901 N. 6th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508.
- 3.4 The successful bidder shall deliver the product order within 5 weeks after receipt of the purchase order.

### **4. VIDEO PROCESSOR**

Meets Spec

Yes    No    Other

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|
| _____ | _____ | _____ | 4.1   | Shall be rack mount so as to be utilized in existing 170 style detector card rack. |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | 4.2   | Each video detector card shall have either:  |
|       |       |       | 4.2.1 | One video input for 1 VDC or   |
|       |       |       | 4.2.2 | Two video input for 2 VDC depending on which system is ordered.                    |

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Meets Spec

Yes    No    Other

_____	_____	_____	4.3	Each video detector card will have 24 outputs available.
			4.3.1	Shall have four Opto-Isolated open collector outputs via the VDC edge connector.
			4.3.2	All other outputs will be via detection output expansion modules utilizing a RS232 link between modules.
			4.3.3	Each expansion module shall be capable of 4 detector outputs.
_____	_____	_____	4.4	There shall be 24 detection zones available per camera.
			4.4.1	Of these 24 zones: Six may be used for detection and storage of count data.
_____	_____	_____	4.5	Each detection zone shall be made directionally sensitive in any direction or omni-directional.
_____	_____	_____	4.6	Each detection zone shall consist of a minimum 4 detection lines (lines monitor gray values of pixels on the video image).
			4.6.1	Shall have the capability to add up to 10 detection lines per zone (increases sensitivity), up to 96 lines per camera.
_____	_____	_____	4.7	Programming of detection zones will be user friendly, utilizing a mouse or key pad.
_____	_____	_____	4.8	All detection zones shall be able to be labeled with either a zone number or phase number.
_____	_____	_____	4.9	Unused detector outputs shall have the capability to be turned off (no output).
_____	_____	_____	4.10	Each VDC shall have error detection.
			4.10.1	A ground true output shall be applied to the appropriate controller detector inputs if the video signal is bad, the VDC board is not functioning properly, or severely degraded visibility.
_____	_____	_____	4.11	Serial communications shall be through an RD232 serial port.
			4.11.1	This port can be used for communications to a modem or laptop to upload/download detector configurations, count data and software upgrades.
_____	_____	_____	4.12	The VDC shall have a reset button on the front panel to reset video detectors to "learn" to roadway image.
			4.12.1	Learning time of video detectors shall be less than 5 minutes, faster times preferred.
_____	_____	_____	4.13	All video processing, memory, etc. shall be on VDC.

**5. FUNCTIONAL CAPABILITIES**

_____	_____	_____	5.1	Shall be <u>Real Time Detection</u>
_____	_____	_____	5.2	Each VDC shall be capable or processing the video signal of 1 to 2 cameras depending on A) 1 VDC or B) 2 VDC.
			5.2.1	The video signal shall be analyzed in real time (30 times per second).
_____	_____	_____	5.3	Each VDC shall have an RS485 input on the rear edge connector and shall facilitate communications to the other boards.
_____	_____	_____	5.4	The system shall be capable of displaying detectors on the video image with associated outputs.

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Meets Spec

Yes    No    Other

			5.4.1	Outputs/Inputs status will be indicated on the screen.
			5.4.2	Parameters shall also include the ability to view raw video without any verbiage and/or detectors for traffic monitoring purposes.
___	___	___	5.5	Each VDC shall detect within the view of the connected camera the presence of vehicles in user defined zones.
			5.5.1	Detectors available shall be presence, count, delay, extension, or pulse mode of either arrival or departure of vehicles.
			5.5.2	Delay and extension shall be defined between 0.1 - 25 seconds and pulse mode between 20 ms - 100 ms in 20 ms increments.
___	___	___	5.6	The VDC board shall be programmed without the use of a supervisor computer.
			5.6.1	A standard CCTV monitor and keypad/mouse plugged into the VDC serial port shall facilitate detector programming.
___	___	___	5.7	The VDC shall store up to 4 detector configurations per video input.
			5.7.1	It shall be possible to switch between configurations manually or automatically by time of day or input from the traffic controller.
___	___	___	5.8	Via the serial port, detector configurations can be uploaded to a laptop and stored on a disk.
___	___	___	5.9	Detectors may be linked to 24 outputs using Boolean Logic features: AND, OR, NOT
___	___	___	5.10	All detectors and parameters can be changed without interrupting detection.
___	___	___	5.11	Six detectors may be used as count detectors.
			5.11.1	Count detectors will detect and store count data at user defined intervals of 5, 10, 15, 30, and 60 minutes.
			5.11.2	It shall be possible for each VDC to store up to 4000 intervals of count data in non-volatile memory.
___	___	___	5.12	Associated software may be used with a PC to download count data and export to a spreadsheet.
			5.12.1	Software will also be used to upload/download detector configurations and update software versions of the VDC board.

**6.    CAMERA**

___	___	___	6.1	Shall be weather proof with anti-fogging/moisture resistant.
___	___	___	6.2	Will be black or white.
			6.2.1	Shall be able to use a color camera if so ordered.
___	___	___	6.3	Focus and zoom will be motorized.
			6.3.1	Focus will be 6.3 to 38 mm.
___	___	___	6.4	All camera mounting hardware shall be provided for each camera ordered. Mounting hardware shall be able to used as mast arm mount or side of pole mount.

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Meets Spec

Yes    No    Other

___	___	___	6.5	All connection for the camera, i.e. power and video, shall be in a NEMA 4 box.
___	___	___	6.6	There shall be 580 TV lines of resolution as a minimum requirement for B/W.
			6.6.1	460 lines for color.
___	___	___	6.7	Camera shall have a sun shield with a minimum length of three inches.
___	___	___	6.8	Video surrrestor and camera power fuse block shall be provided.
			6.8.1	Surge ratings shall meet NEMA TS1 and TS2 specifications.
___	___	___	6.9	The camera shall produce a useable video image of the bodies of vehicles under all roadway lighting conditions, regardless of time of day.
			6.9.1	The minimum range of scene luminance over which the camera shall produce a useable video image shall be the minimum range from nighttime to daytime, but not less that the range of 0.1 to 10,000 lux.
___	___	___	6.10	Shall be weather proof enclosure.
___	___	___	6.11	Shall have camera lens.

7. **REMOTE COMMUNICATIONS MODULE**

___	___	___	7.1	Shall use Ethernet Communications for image and data transfer at least 10 Mb/sec via a RJ45 connector.
			7.1.1	Shall be IP addressable.
			7.1.2	Shall allow monitoring of up to 12 cameras.
			7.1.3	A standard internet browser shall be used to connect to the module for monitoring and set-up of the video detection installation.
			7.1.4	Shall be direct plug-in module for Type 170, Nema TS1 & TS2 controller cabinets.
			7.1.5	Shall be password protected.
			7.1.6	Shall be able to support multiple host connections.
___	___	___	7.2	Shall have an RS-232 port for image and data transfer.
			7.2.1	This port shall also be used as a service port for set-up.
___	___	___	7.3	Shall used RS-485 within the rack to communicate with the VDC.
			7.3.1	The RS-485 input shall be on the rear edge connector.
___	___	___	7.4	Shall have a composite video of 75 ohm 1 Vcc CCIR/EIA.
___	___	___	7.5	Power for the card shall come from the card rack.
___	___	___	7.6	A reset button shall be on the front panel to "learn" new background.
___	___	___	7.7	Shall have an analog video output with overlays of the system information.
___	___	___	7.8	Shall be able to completely monitor and program all VDC's remotely as if you were at the location.

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Meets Spec  
Yes    No    Other

**8.     UPLOAD/DOWNLOAD P.C. OPERATING SYSTEM**

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| ___ | ___ | ___ | 8.1 | A user interface program shall be provided by vendor, using Windows NT and Windows 2000 and XP.  |
| ___ | ___ | ___ | 8.2 | The City of Lincoln is to have unlimited rights to copy program and documentation for City of Lincoln use, and the right to install and run the program on an unlimited number of computers for the City of Lincoln for its intended purposes.       |
| ___ | ___ | ___ | 8.3 | The program shall at the minimum allow the City of Lincoln to remotely control/program the camera systems to the same degree that can be done at the intersection using a mouse or keypad and save configuration files for each camera/intersection. |

**9.     DEMONSTRATION**

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| ___ | ___ | ___ | 9.1 | The City <u>may require</u> a demonstration of the equipment being considered.<br>9.1.1 Bidder's will be required to provide a demonstration at a location within the City of Lincoln within ten days of the request.                     |
| ___ | ___ | ___ | 9.2 | The bidder will demonstrate such features, attachments, and accessories as are called for in these specifications to the satisfaction of the City of Lincoln.<br>9.2.1 Failure to comply with a demonstration request will void your bid. |
| ___ | ___ | ___ | 9.3 | Vendor shall supply at least three references for systems supplied to other communities.<br>9.3.1 References shall include name, address, phone number, and contact person.   |

**10.    MISCELLANEOUS**

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|-----|-----|-----|------|--|
| ___ | ___ | ___ | 10.1 | The bidders will submit with their proposal a list of any special tools they will furnish with each machine.   |
| ___ | ___ | ___ | 10.2 | Dealer's decal, stickers, or other signs shall not be affixed to units.<br>10.2.1 Manufacturers nameplates, stampings, and other similar signs are acceptable. |

**11.    MANUALS**

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|-----|-----|-----|------|--|
| ___ | ___ | ___ | 11.1 | Operator's manual must accompany each unit delivered.  |
| ___ | ___ | ___ | 11.2 | All manual(s) must be furnished prior to payment and delivered to Engineering Services.<br>11.2.1 Failure to deliver all manuals that are ordered may result in non-payment of ten percent of purchase order total unit all manuals are delivered. |



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Meets Spec  
Yes    No    Other

**12.    TRAINING**

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| ___ | ___ | ___ | 12.1 | There shall be minimum of four hours training at 531 Westgate Blvd. Suite 100, Lincoln, NE 68528 by a factory trained representative in the operation and maintenance of the unit is required. |
|     |     |     | 12.2 | The City of Lincoln will contact the successful bidder on the schedule of this training.   |
|     |     |     | 12.3 | It is anticipated that a minium of 10 City employees will be part of the original training program.  |

**13.    WARRANTY**

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|-----|-----|-----|------|--|
| ___ | ___ | ___ | 13.1 | Manufacturer's usual warranty shall apply, and shall be in effect for at least two years from the date of equipment was placed in service. |
| ___ | ___ | ___ | 13.2 | Vendor shall be responsible for all repairs, including parts, labor, and shipping during this warranty period.                             |
| ___ | ___ | ___ | 13.3 | One copy of the manufacturer's standard warranty shall be furnished with the quotation.  |

**14.    RESERVATIONS**

- 14.1    The City of Lincoln reserves the right to accept and/or reject any or all proposals or parts of proposals, when in the City's judgement, the public interest will be served thereby.
- 14.2    The City reserves the right to waive formalities or technicalities in proposals as the interest of the City requires.
- 14.3    The City reserves the right to increase or decrease the quantities purchased at the prices proposed.
- 14.4    The City will assume no responsibility for oral interpretations/suggestions or instructions.
  - 14.4.1    All official correspondence in regard to this proposal shall be directed to and will be issued by the Purchasing Agent.

**15.    CONTRACT PERIOD**

- 15.1    This requirement type contract, for a one (1) year period with the option to renew for two additional one year periods.
- 15.2    It is estimated that the City will purchase equipment for approximately 15 intersections per year.
- 15.3    Each intersection is different but it is estimated that each on will consist of four cameras each.

# INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

## CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

### PURCHASING DIVISION

#### **1. BIDDING PROCEDURE**

- 1.1 Bidder shall submit one (1) complete set of the bid documents and all supporting material, unless otherwise stipulated. All appropriate blanks shall be completed. Any interlineation, alteration or erasure on the specification document shall be initialed by the signer of the bid. Bidder shall not change the proposal form nor make additional stipulations on the specification document. Any amplified or qualifying information shall be on the bidder's letterhead and firmly attached to the specification document.
- 1.2 Bid prices shall be submitted on the Proposal Form included in the bid document.
- 1.3 Bidders may submit a bid on an "all or none" or "lump sum" basis, but should also submit a quotation on an item-by-item basis. Bidding documents shall be clearly marked indicating the kind of proposal being submitted.
- 1.4 Each bid must be legibly printed in ink or typed, include the full name, business address, and telephone number of the bidder; and be signed in ink by the bidder.
- 1.5 A bid by a firm or organization other than a corporation must include the name, address, fax number and email address of each member.
- 1.6 A bid by a corporation must be signed in the name of such corporation by a duly authorized official thereof.
- 1.7 Any person signing a bid for a firm, corporation, or other organization must show evidence of his authority so to bind such firm, corporation, or organization.
- 1.8 Bids received after the time and date established for receiving bids will be rejected.

#### **2. BIDDER'S SECURITY**

- 2.1 Bid security, as a guarantee of good faith, in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, or bidder's bond, may be required to be submitted with this bid document, as indicated on the Proposal Form.
- 2.2 If alternates are requested, only one bid security will be required, provided the bid security is based on the amount of the highest gross bid.
- 2.3 Such bid security will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders when the award of bid is made.
- 2.4 Bid security will be returned to the successful bidder(s) as follows:
  - 2.4.1 For single order bids with specified quantities: upon the delivery of all equipment or merchandise, and upon final acceptance by the City.
  - 2.4.2 For all other contracts: upon approval by the City of the executed contract and bonds.
- 2.5 City shall have the right to retain the bid security of bidders to whom an award is being considered until either:
  - 2.5.1 A contract has been executed and bonds have been furnished.
  - 2.5.2 The specified time has elapsed so that the bids may be withdrawn.
  - 2.5.3 All bids have been rejected.
- 2.6 Bid security will be forfeited to the City as full liquidated damages, but not as a penalty, for any of the following reasons, as pertains to this specification document:
  - 2.6.1 If the bidder fails to deliver the equipment or merchandise in full compliance with the accepted proposal and specifications.
  - 2.6.2 If the bidder fails or refuses to enter into a contract on forms provided by the City, and/or if the bidder fails to provide sufficient bonds or insurance within the time period as established in this specification document.

#### **3. BIDDER'S REPRESENTATION**

- 3.1 Each bidder by signing and submitting a bid, represents that the bidder has read and understands the specification documents, and the bid has been made in accordance therewith.
- 3.2 Each bidder for services further represents that the bidder has examined and is familiar with the local conditions under which the work is to be done and has correlated the observations with the requirements of the bid documents.

#### **4. CLARIFICATION OF SPECIFICATION DOCUMENTS**

- 4.1 Bidders shall promptly notify the Purchasing Agent of any ambiguity, inconsistency or error which they may discover upon examination of the specification documents.

- 4.2 Bidders desiring clarification or interpretation of the specification documents shall make a written request which must reach the Purchasing Agent at least four (4) calendar days prior to the date and time for receipt of bids.
- 4.3 Changes made to the specification documents will be made by written addenda to all known prospective bidders.
- 4.4 Oral interpretations or changes to the Specification Documents made in any other manner, will not be binding on the City; and bidders shall not rely upon such interpretations or changes.

#### **5. ADDENDA**

- 5.1 Addenda are additional documents issued by the City to prospective Bidders prior to the closing date for receipt of bids, which are intended to change or clarify the original plans and/or specifications., i.e. additions, deletions, modifications, or explanations.
- 5.2 Addenda will be mailed or delivered to all who are known by the City to have received a complete set of specification documents.
- 5.3 Copies of addenda will be made available for inspection at the office of the Purchasing Agent.
- 5.4 No addendum will be issued later than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the date and time for receipt of bids, except an addendum withdrawing the invitation to bid, or an addendum which includes postponement of the bid.
- 5.5 Bidders shall ascertain prior to submitting their bid that they have received all addenda issued, and they shall acknowledge receipt of addenda on the proposal form.

#### **6. ANTI-LOBBYING PROVISION**

- 6.1 During the period between the bid advertisement date and the contract award, bidders, including their agents and representatives, shall not lobby or promote their bid with any member of the City Council or City Staff.

#### **7. BRAND NAMES**

- 7.1 Wherever in the specifications or proposal form brand names, manufacturer, trade name, or catalog numbers are specified, it is for the purpose of establishing a grade or quality of material only; and the term "or equal" is deemed to follow.
- 7.2 It is the bidder's responsibility to identify any alternate items offered in the bid, and prove to the satisfaction of the City that said item is equal to, or better than, the product specified.
- 7.3 Bids for alternate items shall be stated in the appropriate brand on the proposal form, or if the proposal form does not contain blanks for alternates, bidder MUST attach to the specification documents on Company letterhead a statement identifying the manufacturer and brand name of each proposed alternate, plus a complete description of the alternate items including illustrations, performance test data and any other information necessary for an evaluation. The bidder must indicate any variances by item number from the specification document no matter how slight. Bidder must fully explain the variances from the specification document, since brochure information may not be sufficient.
- 7.4 If variations are not stated in the proposal, it will be assumed that the item being bid fully complies with the City's specifications.

#### **8. DEMONSTRATIONS/SAMPLES**

- 8.1 Bidders shall demonstrate the exact item(s) proposed within seven (7) calendar days from receipt of such request from the City.
- 8.2 Such demonstration can be at the City delivery location or a surrounding community.
- 8.3 If the bidder is proposing an alternate product, the City may request a sample of the exact item. Samples will be returned at bidder's expense after receipt by the City of acceptable goods. Bidders must indicate how samples are to be returned.

#### **9. DELIVERY (Non-Construction)**

- 9.1 Each bidder shall state on his proposal form the date upon which he can make delivery of all equipment or merchandise. Time required for delivery is hereby made an essential element of the bid.
- 9.2 The City reserves the right to cancel orders, or any part thereof, without obligation, if delivery is not made within the time(s) specified on the proposal form.
- 9.3 All bids shall be based upon **inside** delivery of the equipment/ merchandise F.O.B. the City at the location specified by the City, with all transportation charges paid.

## **10. WARRANTIES, GUARANTEES AND MAINTENANCE**

- 10.1 Copies of the following documents must accompany the bid proposal for all items being bid:
  - 10.1.1 Manufacturer's warranties and/or guarantees.
  - 10.1.2 Bidder's maintenance policies and associated costs.
- 10.2 As a minimum requirement of the City, the bidder will guarantee in writing that any defective components discovered within a one (1) year period after the date of acceptance shall be replaced at no expense to the City. Replacement parts of defective components shall be shipped at no cost to the City. Shipping costs for defective parts required to be returned to the bidder shall be paid by the bidder.

## **11. ACCEPTANCE OF MATERIAL**

- 11.1 All components used in the manufacture or construction of materials, supplies and equipment, and all finished materials, shall be new, the latest make/model, of the best quality, and the highest grade workmanship.
- 11.2 Material delivered under this proposal shall remain the property of the bidder until:
  - 11.2.1 A physical inspection and actual usage of this material is made and found to be acceptable to the City; and
  - 11.2.2 Material is determined to be in full compliance with the specifications and accepted proposal.
- 11.3 In the event the delivered material is found to be defective or does not conform to the specification documents and accepted proposal, then the City reserves the right to cancel the order upon written notice to the bidder and return materials to the bidder at bidder's expense.
- 11.4 Successful bidder shall be required to furnish title to the material, free and clear of all liens and encumbrances, issued in the name of the City of Lincoln, Nebraska, as required by the specification documents or purchase orders.
- 11.5 Selling dealer's advertising decals, stickers or other signs shall not be affixed to equipment. Vehicle mud flaps shall be installed blank side out with no advertisements. Manufacturer's standard production forgings, stampings, nameplates and logos are acceptable.

## **12. BID EVALUATION AND AWARD**

- 12.1 The signed bid proposal shall be considered an offer on the part of the bidder. Such offer shall be deemed accepted upon issuance by the City of purchase orders, contract award notifications, or other contract documents appropriate to the work.
- 12.2 No bid shall be modified or withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) calendar days after the time and date established for receiving bids, and each bidder so agrees in submitting the bid.
- 12.3 In case of a discrepancy between the unit prices and their extensions, the unit prices shall govern.
- 12.4 The bid will be awarded to the lowest responsible, responsive bidder whose proposal will be most advantageous to the City, and as the City deems will best serve its requirements.
- 12.5 The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids; to request rebids; to award bids item-by-item, with or without alternates, by groups, or "lump sum"; to waive minor irregularities in bids; such as shall best serve the requirements and interests of the City.
- 12.6 In order to determine if the Bidder has the experience, qualifications, resources and necessary attributes to provide the quality workmanship, materials and management required by the plans and specifications, the Bidder may be required to complete and submit additional information as deemed necessary by the City. Failure to provide the information requested to make this determination may be grounds for a declaration of non-responsive with respect to the Bidder.
- 12.7 The City reserves the right to reject irregular bids that contain unauthorized additions, conditions, alternate bids, or irregularities that make the Bid Proposal incomplete, indefinite or ambiguous.

## **13. INDEMNIFICATION**

- 13.1 The bidder shall indemnify and save harmless the City of Lincoln, Nebraska from and against all losses, claims, damages, and expenses, including, attorney's fees arising out of or resulting from the performance of the contract that results in bodily injury, sickness, disease, death, or to injury to or destruction of tangible property, including the loss of use resulting therefrom

and is caused in whole or in part by the Bidder, any subcontractor, any directly or indirectly employed by any of them or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable. This section will not require the Bidder to indemnify or hold harmless the City of Lincoln for any losses, claims damages, and expenses arising out of or resulting from the sole negligence of the City of Lincoln, Nebraska.

- 13.2 In any and all claims against the City or any of its members, officers or employees by an employee of the bidder, any subcontractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or by anyone for whose acts made by any of them may be liable, the indemnification obligation under paragraph 13.1 shall not be limited in any way by any limitation of the amount or type of damages, compensation or benefits payable by or for the bidder or any subcontractor under worker's or workmen's compensation acts, disability benefit acts or other employee benefit acts.

## **14. TERMS OF PAYMENT**

- 14.1 Unless stated otherwise, the City will begin processing payment within thirty (30) calendar days after all labor has been performed and all equipment or other merchandise has been delivered, and all such labor and equipment and other materials have met all contract specifications.

## **15. LAWS**

- 15.1 The Laws of the State of Nebraska shall govern the rights, obligations, and remedies of the Parties under this proposal and any agreement reached as a result of this process.
- 15.2 Bidder agrees to abide by all applicable State and Federal laws and regulations concerning the handling and disclosure of private and confidential information concerning individuals and corporations as to inventions, copyrights, patents and patent rights.

## **16. AFFIRMATIVE ACTION**

- 16.1 The City of Lincoln-Lancaster County Purchasing Division provides equal opportunity for all bidders and encourages minority businesses and women's business enterprises to participate in our bidding process.

## **17. LIVING WAGE**

- 17.1 The bidders agree to pay all employees employed in the performance of this contract, a base wage of not less than the City Living Wage per section 2.81.010 of the Lincoln Municipal Code. This wage is subject to change every July.

## **18. EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT**

- 18.1 Depending on the type of service provided, one of the following three (3) methods will be employed. The method applicable to this contract will be checked below:
  - ☐ a. This Contract shall consist of a **PURCHASE ORDER** and a copy of the suppliers signed bid (or referenced bid number) attached and that the same, in all particulars, becomes the agreement and contract between the parties hereto: that both parties thereby accept and agree to the terms and conditions of said bid documents, and that the parties are bound thereby and the compensation to be paid the Supplier is as set forth in the Supplier's Bid. Items not awarded, if any, have been deleted.
  - ☒ b. The contract shall consist of a **YEARLY AGREEMENT** and a copy of the suppliers signed bid attached and that the same, in all particulars, becomes the agreement and contract between the parties hereto. That both parties thereby accept and agree to the terms and conditions of said bid documents, and that the parties are bound thereby and the compensation to be paid the Supplier is as set forth in the Suppliers' Bid. Items not awarded, if any, have been deleted.
  - ☐ c. Three (3) copies of the **CONTRACT**, unless otherwise noted.
    - 1. City will furnish three (3) copies of the Contract to the successful Bidder who shall prepare attachments as required. Insurance as evidenced by a Certificate of Insurance, surety bonds properly executed, and Agreement signed with the date of signature shall be attached.
    - 2. The prepared documents shall be delivered to the City within 10days (unless otherwise noted).
    - 3. The City will sign the Contract Agreement, insert the date of signature at the beginning of the Contract Agreement, prepare an Executive Order to go the Mayor for signature.
    - 4. Upon approval and signature from the Mayor, the City will return one copy to the Contractor.

# **SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR COMMODITY TERM CONTRACTS**

## **CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA PURCHASING DIVISION**

### **1. ESTIMATED QUANTITIES**

- 1.1 The quantities set forth in the specification document are approximate and represent the estimated requirements of the City for the contract period.
- 1.2 Items listed may or may not be inclusive of City requirements for this category.
- 1.3 Category items not listed, but distributed by bidder are to be referred to as kindred items. Kindred items shall receive the same percentage of discount or pricing structure as items listed in the specification document.
- 1.4 The unit prices and the extended total prices shall be used only as a basis for the evaluation of bids. The actual quantity of materials necessary may be more or less than the estimates listed in the specification document, but the City shall be neither obligated nor limited to any specified amount. The City will, if possible, restrict increases/decreases to 20% of the estimated quantities listed in the specification document.

### **2. CONTRACT PERIOD**

- 2.1 The material shall be delivered as ordered during the contract period, beginning from the date of contract and ending one (1) year from that date, or as otherwise indicated on the proposal form.
- 2.2 The City is interested in a one (1) year contract, with the option to renew for no more than **two** (2) additional one (1) year renewals. Bidder must indicate on the proposal form if extension renewals are an option. By mutual consent of both parties it is understood and agreed that the contract may be renewed only at the same prices and/or under the same conditions governing the original contract; and any request for an increase in price or a change in the contract conditions shall be interpreted as a request not to renew the contract at the end of the current contract period.

### **3. BID PRICES**

- 3.1 Bidders must state on the proposal form if the bid prices will remain firm for the full contract period; or if the bid prices will be subject to escalation/de-escalation.
- 3.2 **Escalation/De-escalation Clause:** In the event that prevailing market conditions warrant an adjustment in bid prices contained in the contract, the following escalation/de-escalation clause shall be the only clause applicable or acceptable to the City:
  1. Contractor shall give written notice to the Purchasing Agent of any proposed changes from contract prices not less than thirty (30) calendar days prior to the effective date of said price changes.
  2. Such notice must be accompanied by a certified copy of the supplier's advisory or notification to the contractor of price changes.
  3. No price escalation will be authorized in excess of the amount of the increase referred to on the supplier's notice.
  4. The approved price change shall be honored for all orders received by the contractor after the effective date of such price change.
  5. Approved price changes are not applicable to orders already issued and in process at time of price change.
  6. The City reserves the right to audit and/or examine any pertinent books, documents, papers, records or invoices relating directly to the contract transaction in question after reasonable notice and during normal business hours.

7. The Purchasing Agent retains the right to determine whether or not such proposed price changes are in the best interests of the City.
8. If in the opinion of the Purchasing Agent any proposed increase is found unacceptable, the Purchasing Agent reserves the right to cancel the contract upon thirty (30) calendar days written notice.
9. Contractors must tie any price change clause to an industry-wide or otherwise nationally recognized index, or some other form of verifiable document. Contractor will put the Purchasing Agent on the mailing lists for such publication so that the Purchasing Agent can monitor said changes. Such membership will be at no cost to the City.

### **4. CONTRACT AWARD NOTIFICATION**

- 4.1 The Purchasing Division will issue a Contract Award Notification to all successful bidders. Such contract award notification will incorporate the City's specifications, and may incorporate the bidder's specifications.
- 4.2 No action need be taken by the contractors at time of receipt of such Contract Award Notification.
- 4.3 Orders for materials will be made as needed by the various City Departments.

### **5. QUARTERLY REPORT**

- 5.1 The contractor shall provide to the Purchasing Agent a quarterly report, showing all purchases made under the terms and conditions of the contract.
- 5.2 Such quarterly report shall itemize the following information:
  1. Each ordering department.
  2. Items and quantities purchased by department.
  3. Total dollar amount of purchases by department

### **6. TERMINATION OF CONTRACT**

- 6.1 This contract may be terminated by either party upon thirty (30) days prior notice in writing to the other party. The Owner may terminate this contract immediately, under breach of contract, if the Contractor fails to perform in accordance with the terms and conditions. In the event of any termination of contract by the Contractor, the Owner may purchase such supplies and/or services similar to those so terminated, and for the duration of the contract period the Contractor will be liable for all costs in excess of the established contract pricing.